

## OVER 100 ATTEND METHOD SCHOOL

Students from Six States, of All Denominations Attend Second Annual Session.

## FACULTY OF 21 MEMBERS

First School of Its Kind in Michigan Presents A Strong Program And Many Beneficial Features

The Alma School of Methods opened Monday morning for its second annual session with a better and representative attendance than last year and prospects for the finest series of sessions that have ever been held for religious work of this nature. One hundred sixteen out-of-town students enrolled in the school and seven from the city proper. Last year there were nearly two hundred all together but about two thirds of these were from the city of Alma and only about sixty from other cities and communities in the state.

The attendance is representative. There are two students from Kentucky, one from New Jersey, one from Maryland, two from Illinois, one from New York City. The remainder are from Michigan. In all, six states have students attending the school.

There are fourteen students from Lansing, three from Detroit, five from Saginaw, seven from Grand Rapids, two from Marquette and one from Pontiac.

Monday evening at six o'clock a big banquet was held in the dining hall of Wright Hall. Dr. Blaisdell acted as toastmaster and called upon Dr. Milligan of Pontiac, Dean A. R. Atwood of Lansing, Dr. Bryant of Detroit, Rev. Saas of Lansing and Miss Jontz of Chicago. The remarks of the toastmaster and those upon whom he called were especially fitting and well chosen. Mrs. H. M. Dunham who is acting matron of Wright Hall, had charge of the banquet.

The faculty is even stronger than the faculty of the 1914 school. It consists of twenty one members. The consent of each to give courses in this school was gained at least a year ago, and not a single member has failed to be present. The finest talent to be secured in Sabbath School work is to be found on this faculty. There are two specialists from the Congregational denomination, two from the Baptist, one from the Methodist Protestant, while the remainder are from the Presbyterian denomination.

Many classes are being held each day with a large attendance not only of regular students but also of townspeople who are taking advantage of some of the special attractions. Those who have enrolled in only part of the sessions are not included in the general attendance figures.

Some of the features of the daily program are the lectures given by Mrs. Wilson of Mayaville Kentucky, on "Elementary Equipment". These are given every morning at ten o'clock. The Bible Study lectures given every morning at eight o'clock by Dr. Barkley, chairman of the board of trustees of the college. The "Bible Masterpieces" by President Blaisdell at ten forty, Teacher Trainings talks by Dr. Gammon of Chicago, "Objectives" by Dr. Bryant, state clerk of the Synod of Michigan, and various lectures by Dr. Rev. George H. Trull of New York, are unusually popular with their hearers.

The two outstanding features of the Alma School of Methods are that it is the first ever held in Michigan, having been the big factor in standardizing religious training and that the attendance is so largely recruited from outside towns and cities. Last year saw the beginning of this work in Michigan at Alma. Since then eight states have copied the Alma plan and have installed schools following the Alma plan. The Alma School of Methods is the first school in the United States to give a graded course in religious training, at the same time making each year's work a complete unit. All denominations share in the work.

An international or a denominational Sunday School certificate will be presented for satisfactory work in accordance with the requirements. Up- (Continued on Page 8)

## PRAISE FOR SAGINAW MUSICIAN

"Miss Lou Florence Olp, the popular and brilliant young Saginaw pianist, is warmly praised in the last issue of 'Musical America', the well known musical magazine, on her playing at the recent convention of the Michigan Music Teachers' association. Miss Olp was the only Michigan pianist to appear on the general program, which was given over to artists of the highest ability. Miss Olp is also the only musician from the state on the entire program to whom Musical America gives special mention and praise, indicating that her work stood out strongly on a program given by an unusual assemblage of artists. 'The afternoon program,' according to the Musical America, 'served to introduce a talented young Saginaw pianist, Lou Florence Olp, who played several numbers. Her interpretation was marked by unusual ideality and poetry, as well as good technique.'

John G. Cummings of Saginaw, of whom Miss Olp is a pupil, was re-elected secretary of the association and Miss Olp was appointed on the membership committee."

Miss Olp lived in Alma for a number of years, her father being a dentist here. She has countless friends in the city who will be pleased to learn of her marked success.

## CARTER-McPHEE

William McPhee, an employee in the Studebaker garage and Bernice Carter a sophomore in Alma High School last year, were married in Ithaca, last Thursday, without the knowledge of their parents.

The match was not encouraged very strongly on the part of their parents so the young people took things in their own hands. News of the marriage did not leak out until the records of County Clerk B. L. Case showed that the license had been issued and the knot tied securely. After the consummation of the act the parental blessing was forthcoming and the newlyweds begin their married life at the home of the bride's parents on Grant avenue.

## 30 DAYS FOR STEVENSON

Petty Thefts By Arcada Cafe Proprietor Followed By Arrest And Sentence

Following a series of petty thieving acts which found a climax in the theft of between eight and nine dollars from the safe in John Luchini's candy and fruit store, Roy Stevenson, proprietor of the Arcada Cafe and formerly a resident of St. Louis was arrested Friday evening and taken to Ithaca for trial. Tuesday afternoon in the Circuit court he was sentenced to a jail term of thirty days to be followed by a period of two years' parole. The sentence was light.

Several persons among whom were Mrs. Nelson Smith, George Pulfrey and John Luchini, reported the loss of articles of slight value and when the search was made amongst his effects in the cafe which he has been running in connection with the Arcada Hotel, the stolen goods were found.

Friday morning about eight o'clock, Stevenson went into Luchini's store, while George Sarti who had sole charge of the store was upstairs. Upon Stevenson's request to allow him to serve himself with ice cream he gave consent. Stevenson went to the safe and took nearly nine dollars, though if he had looked more carefully his 'haul' might have reached a sum over two hundred fifty dollars. After leaving the store he hid the money in an old range in the cafe. George Brown arrested him on a warrant issued by John Luchini, and he was taken to Ithaca. He protested his innocence until the evidence became too strong for him.

The cafe has been closed up and part of his possessions are being held in lieu of the payment of certain debts.

## SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZE

At a meeting of the five members of the School Board, Friday evening in the High School building, Francis King was elected Moderator for the coming year. Charles G. Rhodes was re-elected Secretary of the Board and P. M. Smith, Treasurer.

Miss Hilma Fraser who has been visiting at the home of Miss Ruth Schultz, for the past week, returned to her home in Howell, Wednesday afternoon.

## SPLENDID WORK DONE BY CHURCH

Another Alma Denomination Doing Fine Work For Community

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mission Work Emphasized By Pastor W. H. Mason And Congregation Has Been Started

The First Presbyterian church of this city is enjoying a wholesome and steady growth. Every one who passes along West Superior street is delighted with the splendid building that houses this congregation. Every year since 1901, when the first service was held in this structure, has seen a larger membership and more aggressive work being carried on by the devoted company of people who constitute the congregation. The church Sabbath School, Mr. Frank McConkey, Superintendent, is manned by an exceptionally able and faithful body of teachers. During the last three years many of the classes have been thoroughly organized and in each case the classes have shown a remarkable growth. The Sabbath School now has the largest enrollment and average attendance in all its history. Two years ago the popular play-ground with its swings, teeter boards and lawn tennis court was added to the church equipment. The opportunity for wholesome enjoyment which this play ground affords to the young people of Alma is no small contribution to our community life. Two years ago a branch Sabbath school was organized on 'The Heights' in the east end of the city and this school with an enrollment of 70 has been vigorously maintained without interruption thus bringing Sabbath School privileges to the very door of many because of distance from the churches of the city found it difficult to be in regular attendance upon the previously organized Sabbath Schools. Much of the prosperity of this lusty child of the church is due to the untiring devotion of its superintendent, Prof. F. N. Notestein. The church is earnestly cooperating with the other churches and civic organizations of Alma, in seeking to keep Alma, a model city. Because of its large college constituency the church wields an influence and occupies a place of vantage far wider than is possible to most churches located in towns the size of Alma. From all over Michigan, there come each year a host of young people under the influence of the church, and whose lives are in the making for leadership in the church and the kingdom. In addition to its local work the church is enthusiastically pressing out in service in the fields of Home and Foreign Mission Endeavor. This year it has taken the support of V. K. Beshgetoor, a home missionary whose field centered at Engadine, Michigan, covers a circuit of a hundred miles. The accompanying cut of Mr. Beshgetoor, shows him just starting on a tour of his pioneer field. Thus the Presbyterian church of Alma, is multiplying its usefulness on the frontier of the kingdom. The church has also assumed the support of a Foreign Mission parish at Tsing Tau, China, under the charge of Rev. Ernest Scott, that splendid son of Alma, whose work has proven such a vital factor in the rapidly changing life of the orient. Since April 1st, 1915, 141 have been received into the membership of the church. And the wholesome of this growth is proven in the fact that the congregation's gifts for local expenses show a 32 per cent increase over previous years and its benevolent gifts show an increase of 54 per cent. Our active Ladies Aid Society, an exceptionally enthusiastic Woman's Missionary Society and a healthy Y. P. S. C. E. faithfully conserve the life of the church in their several fields. No account of the church would be complete without mention being made of its music. Prof. J. T. Ewing's services at the organ, have been notable through many years. He has brought to this service a talent and devotion of the very highest order. Under the wise direction of very efficient music committee, a splendid chorus choir, a men's chorus and ladies chorus conspire together to supply every service of the church with the (Continued on Page 8)

## KENNETH PRIEST VERY ILL

Kenneth Priest, eldest son of Rev. J. W. Priest, who has been in the Saginaw General Hospital since his operation about three weeks ago is very dangerously ill and at times there have been only slight hopes of his recovery. The doctors can give only the slight assurance that he has a fighting chance of pulling through.

Following attacks of appendicitis the youngster was taken to Saginaw, but on the way there the appendix burst. The effect of this poison in his system has been to produce an extremely high fever. At times it has run as high as 101 F. Despite the violence of the fever the young man has borne his suffering very cheerfully and has never lost consciousness. In a letter to his playmate, Robert Baker, he reminds him that they will celebrate his interrupted Fourth of July in a short time.

His father and mother are in constant attendance, while several Alma friends make frequent visits to Saginaw to call upon Kenneth.

## SEWER CONTRACT LANDED

Mt. Pleasant Man Gets Big Job from City Tuesday Night.

Thomas Sampson of Mt. Pleasant landed the contract to dig eight thousand and two hundred seventy six feet of sewer for the city of Alma, the work to commence just as soon as the materials for work can be gotten ready. At a special meeting of the council held Tuesday evening, the contract was let for \$6,090.00. There were four other bidders with bids as follows: Whaley & Edwards of Milan \$8,161.07 (this did not include an additional estimate for Gratiot avenue sewer which was omitted by mistake); Joseph Ray, Alma \$7,095.00; Allegan County Construction company, Otsego \$6,353.29; William Eddy & Son of Saginaw, \$6,307.00.

The sewer is to be laid on Gratiot and Woodworth avenue extensions and on the Rockingham division to Ely St. The pipe is to be the regular glazed sewer pipe and will come in sizes ranging from six to twenty inches.

## EX-PRESIDENT TAFT AT SAGINAW CONVENTION

The Michigan State Teachers' Association, which will meet in Saginaw, Oct. 28 and 29, bringing some seven or eight thousand visitors to this city is assured of what is regarded as the best program that has ever been arranged for any similar event in its history. Former President William Howard Taft, now a professor in Yale university, will be one of the "big guns" that will be heard. David Starr Jordan, former president of Leland Stanford university, the internationally known peace advocate, who resigned his university connection two years ago to devote his entire time to peace problems, will be here, as will P. P. Claxton, national commissioner of education, and Gov. Frank B. Willis of Ohio, who is famous as the school teacher governor of the Buckeye state. At present David Starr Jordan is president of the National Education society. Gov. Willis is regarded as a big man in the Republican party and has been referred to by some as of presidential timber.

The four speakers are by no means the entire program that will be offered, but are announced as what might be called the feature attractions and it is reported that such an all star collection has never been gathered under "one tent" in the past. The executive committee of the teachers' association believes that the presence of the four named speakers, with the other features to be arranged later, will bring to Saginaw, a record breaking attendance from all sections of Michigan.

## ADVERTISED LETTERS

Alma, Michigan, July 19th, 1915.  
Miss Irene Darling,  
Mr. Wright Hatch,  
W. Miers,  
Mr. C. H. Whitely,  
Dr. A. S. Whartem.  
The above if not called for will be sent to the Dead Letter Office, August 2nd, 1915.

V. P. Cash,  
Postmaster.  
Rooms for two young men. Inquire Record office.  
adv.

## EXTERIOR WALLS OF BANK COMPLETE

Exclusive Office Building For First State Bank Ready For Inner Work

## STONE COLUMNS RAISED

Building Will Be Ready For Opening To All Patrons About December First

The exterior walls for the new home of the First State Bank were finished during the fore part of this week and the work on the interior is progressing most satisfactorily. The work commenced about the first of April and at the present rate of progress the building, which by the way is to be used exclusively as an office building for the bank, will be ready for company about the first of October.

The walls which have been finished are forty four feet wide and fifty five feet deep, two stories in height. They are built of gray Kittanning repressed brick and Buff Bedford Limestone. The foundation consist of an eighteen inch solid concrete wall.

Two solid stone columns twenty feet high and weighing five tons each have been placed. The cornice and coping work above the roof line contains eighty three tons of ornamental stone. The roof is made of the famous Barrett specifications, tar and gravel construction. The interior ceilings are twenty feet high with large sky lights.

One of the splendid features of the new bank will be the two massive nine inch burglar proof vault doors being constructed by the National Safe and Lock Company of Cleveland, Ohio. They will be ready to install about the first of September. The steam heating plant and ventilating pipe system will be installed within the next thirty days.

At present the business of the bank is in an unusually prosperous condition. The last statement shows that the deposits were about four hundred eighty thousand dollars and that the bank paid a semi-annual dividend of eight per cent. to the stockholders on July first.

## TUBERCULOSIS PROCLAMATION

By The Governor

The people of the State of Michigan always have been subject to the ravages of tuberculosis, a wholly preventable disease. This disease is the common enemy of mankind, and is rightly called the White Plague. The first manifestations of tuberculosis are frequently overlooked. The patient discovers his danger when it is too late. The Medical Fraternity of Michigan, have it in their power to render the State an invaluable service. Their functions are to relieve suffering, cure disease and prevent disease, and the greatest of these three is to prevent disease. Michigan physicians are ready to encourage and practice this form of patriotism—the patriotism of saving their fellowmen from this awful scourge. I suggest that on Friday, August twentieth, any person in Michigan desiring a medical examination, whereby he may ascertain whether he has any of the symptoms of tuberculosis, may have such examination and advice by asking a physician for it.

Therefore, I, Woodbridge N. Ferris, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby designate Friday, August 20th, A. D. 1915, as Tuberculosis Day, at which time all physicians engaged in the practice of medicine are requested to render this service without charge. Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, this seventh day of July in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, and of the Commonwealth the seventy ninth.

Woodbridge N. Ferris  
Governor.  
By the Governor:  
Coleman C. Vaughn.  
Secretary of State.

The Alma members of the Gratiot County Bar Association, went to Crystal Lake, this morning, to hold one of their monthly meetings. They went by autos. A full report of the meeting will be given next week.

## FINE RECORD FOR BLAKELY

J. W. Blakely holds the unique record of having sold more life insurance for the Mutual Life Company of New York, than any other agent in the eastern portion of the United States, his total amount of business amounting to \$169,000.00 during the past year. Somewhat as an acknowledgement for this remarkable showing the convention of the company's agents meeting at Atlantic City, last week elected him vice president for the coming year.

Three weeks ago with his wife he motored to Batavia, New York, where he left his car and continued by train to New York, Atlantic City and other eastern cities. At Atlantic City he spent a week in attendance upon the convention of the company's agents.

There were over a hundred representatives of the Mutual Life, present, coming from all of the largest cities east of Michigan. None could show the amount of business done that Mr. Blakely could. There are two other associations in the company, the southern and western.

## TWO PROFESSORS RESIGN

Ritchie And Zimmerman College Teachers Accept Better Positions

Two more professors of Alma College resigned during the past week, their resignations to take effect immediately. Prof. Rowland T. Ritchie, professor of English speech, asked to be released that he might accept a position as professor of public speaking at Ottawa University, Ottawa Kansas. The position was newly created this year and Prof. Ritchie will be its first occupant. Prof. Lester I. Zimmerman telegraphed a provisional resignation to take effect this year that he may accept a position entailing a much higher salary than he was receiving at Alma College.

Prof. Ritchie came to Alma last year from Harvard University where he was taking post graduate work. He had taught previously for many years his last position before going to the University being an instructor in English at the State Normal College at Emporia, Kansas.

Mr. Zimmerman came to Alma from the University of Michigan, where he was taking his doctor's degree, as an assistant professor. He had formerly taught in Carthage college, Illinois. He was very popular with the students at Alma, taking a live interest in student activities and particularly in athletics. He acted in the capacity of referee at a number of athletic contests.

Dr. Blaisdell and the Board of Trustees have not as yet secured teachers to take their places, nor as yet a professor of German to take Mr. Wildermuth's place though there are a large number of candidates for the jobs.

All three men were well liked by faculty and students. All have resigned simply to accept more attractive positions elsewhere. Tuesday and Wednesday the committee of the Board of Trustees of the college which is to recommend candidates for the presidency of the college met at Dr. Blaisdell's office for three separate meetings but no definite action could be taken. The committee is employing infinite care in their choice of men from whom a new executive might be selected. The members of the committee are Rev. James M. Barkley of Detroit, M. W. Tanner of Saginaw, Rev. Lewis S. Brooke of Howell, Francis King and Lester A. Sharp of Alma.

Not only was the matter of looking up candidates for the presidency of the college under consideration, but the matter of selecting a teacher of Biblical literature was discussed. By a decision of the Board of Trustees made at the June meeting the position was offered to Rev. J. E. Hinkamp of Milwaukee, but after two weeks' consideration he decided not to accept.

Within a week or two the Board of Trustees in full session will meet at Alma and the matter of the presidency will be taken up. It is expected that a final decision will be reached and some man will be called at that time. Dr. Blaisdell has asked to be released from his duties at the college between the fifteenth of August and the first of September. He will go immediately to Penn State college to take up his work as Dean of the Liberal Arts department.

## WIN AND LOSE AT CARSON CITY

Alma City Baseball Team Show Speed Despite Long Inaction

## SCORES 2 TO 3 AND 8 TO 5

The Games Were Headliners of The Big Field Day Celebration in Carson Wednesday.

A victory and a defeat were the lot of the Alma City baseball team when they met the Carson City Independent at Carson City, Wednesday morning and afternoon in two games which were the features of a big field day celebration given under the auspices of some of the business men of that town. In the after-breakfast affair Alma lost a hair raising game by the score of three to two after nine innings of good baseball. The post prandial contest was won by Alma in a free hitting match by the score of eight to five. From an Alma point of view the principal feature of the track and field games was the victory by Malcolm Smith in the one hundred yard dash. He had little trouble in winning first place in this, simply letting out a couple notches at the start and ending with a running hop step and jump.

Hickey pitched the morning game for Alma and was opposed by Siple, the lad who struck out sixteen Alma batters in the first game of the year. Except for the sixth inning in which Carson men slammed out five hits for a total of three runs he had them entirely at his mercy. Alma scored the first run of the game when Hallebaugh laced out a clean hit and continued around the bases at brief intervals, by grace of fielding errors on the part of the Carson contingent. In the eighth inning Alma scored again on a single by Malcolm Smith a similar hit by Paul Cash and a passed ball.

Despite the fact that it is the first time the Alma team had been in action since the game with Mt. Pleasant on the fifth of July, the men made few errors and except for inability to hit the ball at opportune times, they found the offerings of Pitcher Siple to their liking.

In the matinee affair the Alma team led by Hallebaugh with three hits had a merry time with their bats, securing ten clean hits to six for Carson City. Alma scored first in this game also, singling out the second inning for the initiation of the hitting bee. Hits by Steggall, Hallebaugh, Highfield and Fleming followed in quick succession, were productive of two runs. On three hits Carson City did Alma one better by securing three runs, and in the sixth added one more to their total. In the other half of this inning Alma tied the score at four-all. In the seventh Carson again went into the lead, by counting once on one hit and Alma infield errors. However this was a dying gasp for Alma came back in the eighth inning and four hits chalked up four runs putting the game to their credit without further dispute.

The following men played with Alma, Malcolm Smith, Page, Hallebaugh, Steggall, Hickey, Barry, Highfield, Daily, Fleming, Hickey and Cash. Carson City was represented by F. Smith, Thayer, Gilmore, Hutting, Rice, McCracken, McKenna, Halton and Siple.

The team went to Carson City in three autos returning the same evening. A small crowd watched the two games and field sports.

## CHAUTAUQUA TICKETS ON SALE

The tickets for the Redpath Chautauqua to be held in Alma, August 10 to 17, are now on sale at the three drug stores and both banks. The circulating committee will commence the work of canvassing the first of next week, all who signed for tickets should be ready. Price of tickets \$2.50 adult, \$1.25 for children if bought before the opening, if not the price is \$3.00 and \$1.50. Let everybody boost and make the third meeting better than all others.

## SUNDAY EXCURSION TO TOLEDO

On Sunday July 25, the Ann Arbor Railroad will operate an excursion to Toledo and return. See agents about particulars. adv 44